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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure, applicant submits the following information which may be material to the examination of this application.

Attached to this paper is a PTO Form 1449 listing documents to be considered by the Examiner. Copies of the documents cited on the PTO Form 1449 are also enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the documents cited on the attached Form 1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. It is also respectfully requested that an initialed copy of the attached PTO Form 1449 be returned to applicant.

This information disclosure statement is being submitted after three (3) months from the filing date of the above-identified patent application but before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits. In view of the above, applicant believes that the requirements

of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) have been met and that no additional fees are required for the filing of this paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional amount which may be required by this paper to the Account of the undersigned attorneys, Deposit Account No. 03-2775.

Respectfully submitted,
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